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Re: Our file: 7604/27  
Applicant: Eric E. Kunhardt and Kurt H. Becker  
Serial No.: 09/381,328  
Filing Date: 12/27/99  
Title: Method and Apparatus for Suppression of the Glow-to-Arc Transition in  
Glow Discharges

Examiner: Patel, V.  
Group Art Unit: 2879

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2. Terminal Disclaimer
3. Petition for Extension of Time
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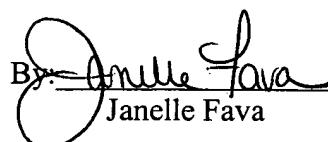
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

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**Invention: Method and Apparatus for Suppression of the Glow-to-Arc Transition in Glow Discharges**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 11/04/03 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

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A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.
  - has already been filed in this application.

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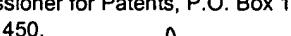
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